

MSA DISQUALIFICATION CODES for 2026 - Referee

GENERAL

GA	Initiated start before starting signal	SW 4.4M
GB	Made little or no attempt to take up / hold starting position	SW4.1M, SW4.2
GD	Interfered with another swimmer	SW 10.2.6
GE	Did not swim stroke specified	SW5.1, SW6.2, SW7.2, SW8.2
GG	Did not remain in same lane as started in	SW 10.2.2
GJ	Used device that aided speed / buoyancy/ endurance	SW 14.2
GK	Did not finish - DNF to be written on time sheet	SW 10.2.1
GL	Pulled self forward on lane rope	SW 10.2.5
GR	Pacing or pacing device or plan used	SW10.2.9, SW14.3
GS	Swimmer not entered in race enters the water during the race before all swimmers had finished	SW 10.2.6
GT	Obstructed another swimmer by swimming across lane and interfering	SW 10.2.3
GU	Turn not made from wall. Pushed off bottom	SW 10.2.3
GX	Walked on / pushed off pool bottom	SW 10.2.4M

FREESTYLE

FrA	Did not touch wall at turn / finish	SW 5.2
FrB	Head did not break surface by 15m mark after start/turn	SW 5.3
FrD	Did not break surface throughout the race other than start/turn	SW 5.3
FrE	Was submerged for greater than 5 metres on approach to the wall on a finish	SW5.4

BREASTSTROKE

BrA	Head did not break surface before hands turned inward at widest part of the stroke after start / turn	SW 7.1
BrB	Head did not break surface of water during each complete stroke cycle	SW 7.5
BrC	Arm movements not simultaneous	SW 7.3
BrD	Leg movements not simultaneous	SW 7.5
BrE	Hands not pushed forward from breast on, under, or over the water	SW 7.4
BrF	Elbows not under water except for final stroke before turn / during turn / at finish	SW 7.4
BrG	Feet not turned outward in propulsive part of kick	SW 7.6
BrH	Did not touch with both hands separated and simultaneously at turn / finish	SW 7.7
BrI	Body not on breast	SW 7.2
BrJ	Performed illegal downward butterfly kick	SW 7.6
BrK	Incomplete one arm stroke followed by one leg kick in that order except at turns and finish	SW 7.3, SW 7.7
BrL	More than one butterfly kick during the first arm stroke after start or turn	SW 7.1
BrM	Butterfly kick after the start or turn not followed by breaststroke kick	SW 7.1
BrR	Not on breast from the beginning of the first arm stroke after leaving the wall	SW 7.2
BrS	Head did not break surface during last (complete or incomplete) cycle before turn & finish touches	SW 7.7
BrU	Hands brought back beyond hip line other than during first stroke after start / turn	SW 7.4

INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

IMA	Freestyle leg swum as backstroke, breaststroke or butterfly	SW 5.1
IMB	Not swum in correct order of strokes	SW 9.1
IMC	Stroke Rule Infraction quote: IMC + stroke code involved	
IMD	Medley Freestyle Swimmer not on breast before first stroke or kick in freestyle le	SW 9.2
IME	Individual strokes did not cover one quarter ¼ of the distance	SW 9.1

RELAY

RA	Feet lost touch with starting platform (or wall for in water starts) before incoming swimmer touched	SW 10.4.5
RB	Medley not swum in correct order of strokes	SW 9.2
RC	Order of swimmers changed	SW 10.4.2
RD	Swam non-listed swimmer	SW 10.4.2
RE	Stroke infraction- quote: RE + the stroke codes + the swimmer number.	
RF	Swimmer other than swimmer designated entered water before all competitors finished	SW 10.4.6
RG	Did not leave water as soon as possible	SW 10.4.7
RH	Obstructed another swimmer when leaving pool	SW 10.4.3
RI	Swam more than once in same race	SW 10.4.3
RJ	Medley Freestyle Swimmer not on breast before first stroke or kick	SW 9.3
RK	Freestyle leg of medley relay swum as backstroke, breaststroke, or butterfly	SW 5.1

BUTTERFLY

BfA	Head did not break surface by 15m mark after start/turn	SW 8.6
BfB	More than one arm pull under water after start/turn	SW 8.6
BfC	Body not on breast from the beginning of the first arm stroke	SW 8.6
BfD	Arms not brought forward simultaneously	SW 8.1
BfE	Arms not brought forward over water throughout race	SW 8.3
BfF	Movement of the legs not simultaneous	SW 8.3
BfG	Did not touch with both hands separated and simultaneously at turn / finish	SW 8.4
BfJ	More than maximum allowed breaststroke kicks per arm stroke	SW 8.5
BfK	Did not remain on surface other than start / turn	SW 8.4M
BfL	Not surface following underwater arm pull at start / turn	SW 8.6
BfM	Rolled past vertical onto back after turning	SW 8.1
Bfn	Was submerged for greater than 5 metres on approach to the wall on a finish	SW 8.6
Bfo	More than single breaststroke kick prior to first arm pull	SW 8.4M
Bfp	Arms not brought backward simultaneously under the water	SW 8.3

BACKSTROKE

BaA	Toes in / on / over gutter at start	SW 6.1M
BaB	Head did not break surface by 15m mark after start / turn	SW 6.3M
BaC	Left position on back (except to execute turning action)	SW 6.2
BaD	Did not touch wall at turn / finish	SW 6.4
BaE	Not return to position on back on leaving wall	SW 6.4
BaF	Did not touch on back at finish	SW 6.5
BaG	Did not take immediate continuous arm pull to initiate turn while past vertical	SW 6.4
BaH	Past Vertical at turn: independent kicks	SW 6.4
BaI	Past Vertical at turn: independent strokes	SW 6.4
BaJ	Failed to break surface throughout race other than at start / turns or within 5mtrs of the finish	SW 6.3M
BaK	Did not have both hands on the starting grips of end of pool at start	SW 6.1M
BaM	Did not have at least one toe of each foot in contact with the end wall / touchpad at the start of the race when using Backstroke Ledge	SW 6.1M